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REFERENCE: Office Regulation R50-12

1. This report has contributed directly to the support of OSI by providing them an aid with which to evaluate their work. It was designed to provide fundamental geographic intelligence information on the Issyk-Kul' area which would assist in ascertaining limitations which might be imposed by geographic factors, and to supply basic information in support of possible covert collection efforts in connection with a particular activity. This same basic analysis may serve as the background for evaluating other types of activities.

2. The study was treated in two parts at the wish of the requester, the first concentrating on the Lake Basin itself and the second extending over the hinterland. Although this method had the value of a very detailed systematic development of the two parts of the region semi-independently, it necessarily entailed some duplication and looser integration than might have resulted from a more direct regional approach with emphasis on the Lake Basin.

3. The Issyk-Kul'--Central Tien Shan Region report was originally published as CIA/RR-GR-14. Since it contains a wealth of valuable information on a little known area it was felt that it would be of considerable interest to certain parts of the intelligence community. As a result, it has been sanitized, recast, and reissued as CIA/RR-G-9.

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